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This paper is submitted in response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers dated November 21, 2003 (copy enclosed). Enclosed is a set of substitute formal drawings (2 sheets, Figs. 1-2).

The applicant(s) hereby authorize the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3) to treat any paper that is filed in this application which requires an extension of time as incorporating a request for such an extension.

No fee is required. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required by this paper (including the fee for any additional extension of time) or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-0809.

Respectfully submitted

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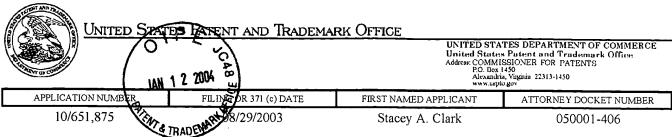
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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
 - The drawings must be made on paper that has a white background (see 37 CFR 1.84 (e)). For example, drawings on graph paper, lined paper, or paper that has a non-white background are not acceptable. See Figure(s) 1.

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